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——Pereunt veſtigia mille
Ante fugam.———— Statius.
——Et ſemper paulum erit ultra. Perſius.

MY Deſign, in this *Paper*, is to give ſome Account of a *Pamphlet*, lately ſent abroad by the *Whigs*, Intituled, *A Letter to the* EXAMINER. A Favour of this kind muſt not always be expected from me: But I am willing to encourage thoſe Deviations into good Manners, which the *Letter-Writer* hath been permitted to make; and to give their due Weight to thoſe extraordinary Arguments, which his *Twin-Author* has advanced; whoſe Party, after a long diſuſe of all Rational Politicks, and a harden'd Impenitent Courſe and Habit of plain *Lying* and *Clamour*, cannot fail of Surprizing us; the moment they venture to begin a Diſcourſe about ſomething, which they can call *Reaſon* and *Neceſſity*.

The *Letter-Writer* having heard, I ſuppoſe, that there is ſuch a Figure as an *Irony*, lets go a Flouriſh or two in my Favour; as that I am a *Writer of great Force and Cunning*. —— *Command the Paſſions.*—— *Turn Devils into Angels.*——— *My Noble Talents.*——— *Bred a Jeſuit*; ——— and what not? All which, he conceives, ſome of his Friends will do him the favour to call, *Anſwering the EXAMINER.* An Exploit, of no ſmall Renown to a young Beginner: And this done, he takes up a more ſerious Air, and ſays, *'Tis his Misfortune to live in a Neſt of* Whigs.—— *Men of Buſineſs.*—— *Who underſtand ſomething of the Intereſts of* Europe.—— *Their* Parſon *cannot ſet them right.*—— *They are greatly diſſatisfied.*—— And then he comes roundly to the Point, and intreats me to give them ſome Eaſe and Comfort upon certain Heads and Topicks, which he there enters upon in the following Method: ——*Shew, that the Peace was not Clandeſtine. Shew, that the Ceſſation of Arms was Juſt and Honourable. Shew, that* France *and* Spain *are not more United than ever. Shew, that the* Catalans *have not been Betray'd and Deſerted.*—— With abundance more to the ſame Purpoſe.

I ſhall not envy this Author the ſtale Method of making himſelf conſiderable, by taking upon him the Part of an *Orator* or *Deputy*, and pretending to demand Satisfaction in the Name of a Multitude; *who want to be Informed, who cannot yet acquieſce*; which brings all *Diſpute* to an *Hiſtorical Fact*, whereby any little Writer may Anſwer any Body, or any Thing, without much Pains and in a very few Lines. For 'tis but ſaying, That theſe Men or *Whigs*, who want to be Inform'd, are Men of Senſe and Honeſty; or, as he ſays, *Men who underſtand the Intereſts of* Europe; and if he only adds, That they are not yet Convinc'd or Satisfy'd; the Work is done, and all that the *Tories* have written, muſt fall to the Ground as of no weight, and void of all Truth and Reaſon. A ſhort Anſwer this, and a quick Diſpatch of Controverſy!

But to convince this Writer, how high an Idea I have of a *diſſatisfied Whig*, and of the Difficulty of convincing him, I here fairly decline that Task, and will not *Shew* him any of thoſe Matters, upon which he challenges me to produce my Inſtructions. Becauſe, I do not think a *Writer of my noble Talents* (as he calls them) ought to trouble himſelf with Anſwering at leaſt *Twenty* of his *One and thirty* Articles, when they have been Anſwer'd, ſome of them *Fifty*, and others above a *Hundred times* over: For which I can expect no Thanks, but to be upbraided with *Tautology*; and perhaps this very Writer would then imagine there was ſome Truth in what he ſays of me; *That I repeat the ſame Things, which have before been ſaid ſo well, and produced ſo good Effects, though now they ſeem to be a little out of Time.* If this *Gentleman* and his *Whigs* will read one Side only, all Anſwers muſt come alike to them: Or if they will Inſiſt and Repeat, after every thing that could give them Satisfaction hath been ſo fully and plainly offered, I ſhall leave them to the Chaſtiſement of *Solomon's Peſtle and Mortar*; and will by no means take from them the Pleaſure of going off with the *Laſt Word*, which is all the Comfort that is left them. Though, at this rate of Arguing, the *Country Gentlemen*, who, as he ſays, ſteer by *the Light of my Papers*, will be much two hard for *Him* and his *Whigs*, who ſo violently *underſtand the Intereſts of* Europe.

There are ſuch Creatures as *Recapitulators*, who collect and put together the ſcatter'd *Clamours* and *Legends* of their *Party*, perhaps of a Year's growth or more; and then bruſh forth under a new *Title-Page*, (as if a *Hat* were really a *New Suit*) deſiring People *to give them Satisfaction.* There are *Turn-ſpit Authors*, who trudge on in the ſame Wheele, by a very good *Fire*, till they have earn'd their Snap and Share of the *Roaſt-meat*. There are *Jugglers*, who dare not venture out of the *Circle* of their own making, for fear of being pulled to Pieces. But it is below the Dignity of the *Examiner*, to meddle with theſe *unclean Cattle*, who *chew the Cudd*. And beſides; whilſt they repeat Arguments *Ten times* a Week, I cannot repeat *Anſwers* above *Twice*, according to the *due Courſe* and *Returns* of this *Paper*. A *Word to the Wiſe* is enough for the *Tories*: But a *Thouſand* to the *Whigs* is, it ſeems, not thought ſufficient, by the beſt and moſt favourable Judges of their Weakneſs and Imbecillity.

However, there are ſome new Goods amidſt this *Retailer's* Lumber, whoſe Value muſt not be overlook'd in the *Appraiſement*. He ſays; *The Duke of* M——h, *inſtead of obeying the Orders given to the Duke of* O——d, *would have put them in his Pocket.* It ſeems, he had much rather *Command* than *Obey*; rather Command an *Army*, than Obey his *Q——n*. The *Examiner* would not

not have ſaid this upon no better Proof than bare *Suppoſition*. Here all the vile Calumnies of the *Tories* are fairly made out, now this Author hath ſhewn us a way, How a very *Great Conqueror* may become a very *Great Criminal*. He contends, *That* Sardinia *ought not to have been given to the Elector of* Bavaria, *nor* Sicily *to the Duke of* Savoy; *becauſe we thereby diſpoſe of other Crowns*. Which Argument gives up the *Original Cauſe* of the War at one Stroke, ſo far as it affected the *Spaniſh Monarchy*. He alledges; *That to demoliſh the Fortifications of* Dunkirk *to the Land firſt, expos'd our Garriſon to* France. I anſwer, he is miſinform'd, we demoliſh'd on the ſide of the Sea firſt, according to Treaty. He inſinuates, *That Sixteen Millions* (the Money rais'd ſince the *Peace*, according to his Account) *might poſſibly have reduc'd* France. What Friends then were thoſe Men to *France*, who would not reduce it with above *Sixty?*

There are ſome of his Arguments, which I have already ſaid, I will not anſwer: and there are others which I freely own I cannot. I cannot ſhew, *That the Compliance of the* Dutch *was Free and Voluntary:* On the contrary I believe, they would not have comply'd at all, if they could have kept the *Cully* to themſelves, and have made the moſt of that Bargain. I cannot ſhew, *That Renunciations cannot be eluded by private Inſtruments*. But when thoſe *private Inſtruments* are made publick, I will deſcant upon them as Learnedly as I can. I cannot ſhew, *That whether* Spain *be, or be not united to* France, *no Acceſſion can be made thereby to the Power of the Latter*. But this I can ſhew, That if *Spain* be out of the Queſtion, the Grand Alliance had no good Foundation. I cannot ſhew, *That the King of* Portugal *will not ſuffer by his Compliance with* England. But I can ſhew, That when he does, he ought to be reliev'd. I cannot ſhew, *That the* Emperor *is not a Match ſingly for* France. But I can ſhew, That the *Whigs* lately ſaid, he was. I cannot ſhew, *That the Money given by Parliament theſe laſt three Years, has been expended to the beſt Advantage*. But I can defy the *Whigs* to prove it has not.

Thus far then I yield to his ſtrong Reaſons: But ſince he muſt not go wholly unanſwer'd, I will tell him what *I can ſhew*, in more immediate Obedience to his Commands. I can ſhew, *That Foreigners ſhould* not *take Umbrage at the removal of an* Engliſh *Miniſtry*. I can ſhew, *That* France *was* not *ſincere in the Preliminaries of* 1709, by the Evidence of Dr. *H*——*e*; and that the *Du*— were not ſincere, by the Evidence of Mr. *B*——*e*. I can ſhew, *That thoſe Kingdoms may* not *be United, whoſe Princes are of the ſame Houſe*. I can ſhew, *That the Treaty ſettled by Mr.* S———*ne with King* Ch—*es, would* not *have been kept*; becauſe *Zin*———*f* openly declar'd as much at the *Hague*, and the *Whig-Min*——*y* are my Witneſſes. I can ſhew, *That the* Catalans *are better ſupported by* England, *than by any other Ally*. I can ſhew, *That putting us into the Power of the* D—h, *upon the Foot of the* Old Barrier-Treaty, *is no Security to the* Succeſſion. I can ſhew, *That till the E. of* H———r *declares his* Judgment *of the Security of the* Succeſſion, *it is Ill-manners to make one for him*. I can ſhew, *That they only were for making the* South-Sea Trade *a meer Name, who would ſeparate the* Trade *from the* Intereſt. I can ſhew, *That if the People's Fears ſink Credit, they who intimidate the People, are anſwerable for it*. I can ſhew, That tho' Sir *P. L. be an* Iriſhman, *tho' he has ſeen the Q*——, *and did ſeize the Duke* de Medina Celi; *yet for all that there may be no danger of the* Pretender. I can ſhew, *That* no *Officers are turned out for Serving well*; and that thoſe in *Half-Pay*, have *no* Marks of *Starving* about them. I can ſhew, *That the* Seven *are no Inquiſition*; becauſe we do not yet hear of any Suffering under them for *Conſcience ſake*; and becauſe the crafty and convenient diſpoſal of *Sixty Five Millions*, is not yet reckon'd among Matters purely *Doctrinal* and *Speculative*. Laſtly, I can ſhew, That ſome of this Author's Arguments will ſerve againſt any *Peace*, as well as the *Laſt*; and any *M*———*y*, as well as the preſent: That not a few of them affect the *D*—*h*, and our other Allies, as well as *Br*——*n*; tho' 'tis probable they would not hear them ſo patiently: That many of them are built upon deep and remote Conjectures, which can never juſtify Sedition: And that the reſt have been ſo often and fully anſwer'd, without ſatisfying theſe People, that deſpairing of ſo great an Happineſs, I ſhall no more trouble my ſelf with *Retroſpects*.

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